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For: MICROORGANISM HAVING THE ABILITY OF DEGRADING AN AROMATIC POLYESTER AND METHOD OF DEGRADING AN AROMATIC POLYESTER BY USING THE SAME

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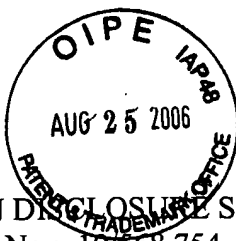
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